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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (MDNS) AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

Name of Proposal: GRANITE CREEK LARGE WOOD REPLENISHMANT PROJECT

Description of Proposal: This project will install approximately 400 pieces of large wood in 8 reaches over 7 miles in North and South Forks of Granite Creek (see map attached to Design Memo). Along Granite Creek, trees will be taken from the adjacent riparian zone using selective and directional falling and placed in and along the channel using grip hoist/chainsaw wench and other hand tools. A team of aquatic and silvicultural specialists will identify specific location and appropriately-sized trees in the target reaches.

The objectives of this project are to:

- Restore instream woody structure to 7 miles of high priority fish habitat in the Granite watershed; and,
- Improve riparian forest health and accelerate natural recruitment of large wood to approximately 7 miles stream in the Granite watershed.

See attached Decision Memo for Mitigation Measures incorporated into project.

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Note: This is a cooperative project between US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Priest Community Forest Connection, Sikes Fund, Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board and Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Location of Proposal In and adjacent to Granite Creek, Pend Oreille County, Washington,
Sections 2, 11, 13, 23, 24, 26 Township 37 North, Range 45 EastWM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

Adoption of Existing Environmental Document: After independent review the lead agency has identified and adopted the US Forest Service Decision Memo document as being appropriate for this proposal. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental

checklist, the adopted document and other information on file with us.

Title of document being adopted: US Forest Service: Decision Memo: Granite Creek Large Wood Replenishment Project

Agency that prepared document being adopted: US Forest Service

Date adopted document was prepared: March 6, 2012

Description of document (or portion) being adopted: US Forest Service Decision Memo, March 6, 2012

The document is available to be read at:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Natural Resources Building,
1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

This document and supplemental information is also available for review on-line at:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>

Name of agency adopting the document: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

We issued this MDNS/Adoption according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS/Adoption. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **March 23, 2012**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS/Adoption or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: March 8, 2012

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).